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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the decrease in U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, from $2,245.7 million in March to $2,071.2 million in April reflected lower levels of imports from most of the major trading areas.[1 2] Areas showing the more notable decreases were Canada, Western Europe, 20 Latin American Republics, and Africa.

From March to April, decreases were reported in imports from all continents except Australia and Oceania. The decrease in imports from North America was accounted for largely by decreases in imports from Canada, Netherlands Antilles, Guatemala and Mexico. Decreases in imports from the United Kingdom, West Germany, France, Switzerland, and Belgium and Luxembourg accounted for most of the drop in imports from Europe.

Individual countries accounting for most of the decline in imports from South America were Venezuela, Chile, and Ecuador. The lower level of imports reported for the continent of Africa largely resulted from decreases in imports from the Republic of South Africa and Liberia. Although the overall decrease in imports from Asia was small, counterbalancing changes were reported for imports from some of the individual countries of this continent. Decreases in imports from Japan, the Phillippines, Israel, and Saudi Arabia were partly offset by increases in imports from Maylasia, Thailand, and Hong Kong.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $2,138.2 million in April as compared to $2,072.7 million in March. (See the April issue of Report FT 900-I). Seasonally adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

Month-to-month changes in imports and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Cumulations of data over 3 or 4 month periods are usually desirable to identify underlying trends.

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: The country reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined, or manufactured. In instances where it is known that the country of origin cannot be determined, the transactions are credited to the country of shipment.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data. For the period January 1964-June 1965, formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued $250 and under were sampled. Effective with the statistics for July 1965, all formal and informal entries valued $250 and under are being sampled. As before, therefore, the statistics in this report are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or, effective July 1965, generally less than 2-percent (less than 1-percent prior to July 1965) of the individual totals shown.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1966 are as originally issued. Figures for 1965 include revisions published with the December 1965 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1966. Consult EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS on front page of this report for information on valuation, coverage, other definitions, the handling of low-value shipments and sampling variability. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Area, continent, and country[1]	1966			1965		
	April	March	Jan.-Apr.	April	March	Jan.-Apr.
TOTAL	2 071.2	2 245.7	7 968.2	1 856.8	2033.5	6 466.0
CANADA	472.8	519.9	1 812.1	376.8	409.8	1 437.1
20 LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS[a]	326.3	369.1	1 347.9	340.9	359.7	1 203.3
OTHER WESTERN HEMISPHERE[b]	62.6	67.1	243.7	64.2	62.0	239.0
WESTERN EUROPE[c]	624.4	672.8	2 364.5	561.6	608.5	1 813.6
OECD COUNTRIES IN EUROPE[d]	608.9	656.9	2 305.2	545.3	589.2	1 762.8
EEC (EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COUNTRIES)[e]	306.8	356.1	1 235.6	305.6	323.8	968.3
UNITED KINGDOM	138.0	151.7	520.2	109.5	125.3	384.1
OTHER OECD COUNTRIES IN EUROPE[f]	164.1	149.1	549.3	130.1	140.1	410.4
OTHER WESTERN EUROPE[g]	15.5	15.9	59.3	16.2	19.3	50.8
SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES IN EUROPE[h]	13.3	17.0	53.7	13.4	12.9	44.0
SINO SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES EXCEPT EUROPE[i]	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.7	1.3
JAPAN	245.4	250.1	886.3	204.9	218.4	686.2
ASIA, EX NORTH VIET-NAM, CHINA, OUTER MONGOLIA, NORTH KOREA AND JAPAN	189.2	187.5	734.4	197.8	213.2	656.7
OCEANIA	48.6	41.7	171.4	30.7	57.7	130.5
AFRICA	88.5	119.0	350.6	66.2	89.2	250.1
UNIDENTIFIED COUNTRIES	0.1	1.1	2.1	-	1.4	4.2
NORTH AMERICA	642.8	703.5	2 481.6	539.0	591.4	2 052.0
GREENLAND[b]	(Z)	0.6	1.1	0.1	(Z)	0.3
CANADA	472.8	519.9	1 812.1	376.8	409.8	1 437.1
MIQUELON AND ST. PIERRE ISLANDS[b]	(Z)	0.2	.5	0.1	0.1	0.4
MEXICO[a]	70.1	73.1	271.3	61.1	64.7	222.1
GUATEMALA[a]	8.2	13.2	39.8	7.9	12.6	34.4
BRITISH HONDURAS[b]	0.1	0.2	.7	0.7	0.4	2.1
EL SALVADOR[a]	2.7	2.3	10.9	3.5	5.6	13.9
HONDURAS[a]	6.8	9.4	29.6	8.4	7.1	23.6
NICARAGUA[a]	3.1	4.9	13.7	3.5	5.3	15.3
COSTA RICA[a]	5.2	5.8	21.2	5.6	8.7	23.2
PANAMA[a]	5.4	5.3	22.1	4.9	6.2	19.8
CANAL ZONE[b]	0.2	0.1	.4	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
BERMUDA[b]	0.2	0.1	.5	0.1	0.1	0.3
BAHAMAS[b]	2.0	2.5	8.6	2.2	2.3	9.6
CUBA[a]	-	-	-	-	(Z)	(Z)
JAMAICA[b]	13.4	11.5	42.6	10.7	11.2	39.7
HAITI[a]	1.7	1.1	7.3	1.5	2.1	6.9
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC[a]	10.8	8.2	31.9	7.2	11.6	34.6
LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS[b]	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.6
BARBADOS[b]	0.2	0.4	.9	0.5	0.2	0.9
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO[b]	16.7	14.0	59.0	14.8	12.9	49.7
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES[b]	22.0	30.2	104.8	28.9	30.2	117.0
FRENCH WEST INDIES[b]	1.0	0.1	1.6	0.5	0.1	0.6
SOUTH AMERICA	218.8	252.7	922.1	242.8	240.1	827.4
COLOMBIA[a]	20.7	20.9	92.0	24.2	26.2	76.0
VENEZUELA[a]	82.2	111.6	360.1	94.6	96.8	370.0
BRITISH GUIANA[b]	1.6	2.0	5.7	2.1	1.3	5.7
SURINAM[b]	4.5	4.6	15.5	3.1	2.7	11.2
FRENCH GUIANA[b]	0.3	0.2	.9	0.3	0.3	1.0
ECUADOR[a]	5.1	7.7	28.8	7.3	7.7	27.8
PERU[a]	23.0	19.7	83.2	25.2	21.3	73.9
BOLIVIA[a]	1.1	2.1	7.4	2.2	3.3	9.7
CHILE[a]	16.2	22.2	75.0	30.3	15.1	73.2
BRAZIL[a]	44.9	42.9	184.4	37.2	49.6	128.0
PARAGUAY[a]	0.6	1.1	3.9	0.9	0.8	2.4
URUGUAY[a]	4.2	4.8	17.3	4.4	3.7	11.4
ARGENTINA[a]	14.4	12.9	48.0	11.1	11.5	37.1
FALKLAND ISLANDS[b]	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-
EUROPE	637.7	689.8	2 418.2	575.0	621.4	1 857.6
ICELAND[e,d,f]	1.8	1.4	5.2	2.3	2.2	6.2
SWEDEN[c,d,f]	26.7	22.5	97.8	25.3	22.4	73.3
NORWAY[c,d,f]	10.2	14.2	45.2	10.1	15.4	42.9
FINLAND[c,g]	6.6	8.0	30.0	9.0	7.4	25.8

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS–Continued

Area, continent, and country[1]	1966 April	1966 March	1966 Jan.-Apr.	1965 April	1965 March	1965 Jan.-Apr.
EUROPE--CONTINUED						
DENMARK[c,d,f]	18.8	19.1	70.4	15.5	14.4	45.5
UNITED KINGDOM[c,d]	138.0	151.7	520.2	109.5	125.3	384.1
IRELAND (EIRE)[c,d,f]	9.2	6.8	23.9	2.9	4.1	11.2
NETHERLANDS[c,d,e]	25.7	27.1	97.6	22.9	23.3	72.6
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG[c,d,e]	40.0	49.9	169.1	43.7	53.0	144.2
FRANCE[c,d,e]	53.3	63.8	215.1	55.6	61.2	178.8
WEST GERMANY[c,d,e]	131.8	156.8	538.4	130.7	127.0	400.6
EAST GERMANY[h]	0.5	0.8	2.4	0.6	0.7	1.8
AUSTRIA[c,d,f]	6.0	6.3	21.3	4.8	5.3	16.2
CZECHOSLOVAKIA[h]	2.0	2.8	7.6	1.7	1.5	4.8
HUNGARY[h]	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.6
SWITZERLAND[c,d,f]	29.3	35.1	117.7	23.9	29.4	88.4
ESTONIA[h]	(Z)	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)
LATVIA[h]	(Z)	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)
LITHUANIA[h]	-	-	-	(Z)	-	(Z)
POLAND AND DANZIG[h]	6.5	9.2	27.1	8.0	8.7	22.3
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS[h]	3.7	3.4	13.8	2.5	1.5	12.8
AZORES[c,g]	(Z)	0.1	.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
SPAIN[c,d,f]	12.2	14.6	49.5	14.1	11.4	41.1
PORTUGAL[c,d,f]	7.7	7.7	29.1	5.9	6.5	19.0
GIBRALTAR[c,g]	0.1	(Z)	.1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
MALTA AND GOZO[c,g]	0.1	0.1	.5	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
ITALY[2,c,d,e]	56.1	58.5	215.4	52.6	59.3	172.0
FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE[2,c,d,g]	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.2
YUGOSLAVIA[2,c,g]	8.6	7.5	28.2	7.0	11.7	24.2
ALBANIA[h]	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
GREECE[c,d,f]	12.0	9.7	29.6	7.2	11.5	20.4
RUMANIA[h]	0.1	0.2	.7	0.4	0.2	0.8
BULGARIA[h]	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.6
TURKEY[c,d,f]	30.2	11.9	59.7	18.0	17.4	46.0
CYPRUS[c,g]	(Z)	0.1	.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
ASIA	434.6	438.0	1 622.1	403.0	432.2	1 344.2
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	0.3	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.8
LEBANON	0.4	0.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	2.1
IRAQ	0.9	2.8	7.3	1.4	1.0	4.8
IRAN (PERSIA)	6.7	7.7	37.2	6.9	8.4	26.1
ISRAEL	5.0	7.3	24.9	4.2	6.1	19.7
PALESTINE[3]	-	-	-	-	-	(Z)
JORDAN	(Z)	-	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
GAZA STRIP[3]	(Z)	(Z)	.1	-	-	-
KUWAIT	0.8	1.7	6.4	4.5	3.9	14.5
SAUDI ARABIA	4.5	6.5	26.4	10.1	12.5	34.6
ARABIA PENINSULA STATES, N.E.C.	2.1	4.1	10.8	2.7	5.4	17.9
ADEN	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	0.1
BAHRAIN	0.5	0.8	1.3	(Z)	0.2	0.8
AFGHANISTAN	0.3	2.4	6.1	2.0	2.6	8.8
INDIA	29.0	26.0	109.3	37.5	46.2	119.0
GOA, DAMAO, AND DIU	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-
PAKISTAN	5.7	6.5	23.9	5.3	6.2	14.5
NEPAL	(Z)	0.1	.1	-	(Z)	(Z)
CEYLON	3.5	3.3	11.8	4.2	3.9	10.4
BURMA	0.2	0.1	.4	0.1	0.1	0.3
THAILAND (SIAM)	9.3	4.7	30.0	2.5	2.5	8.1
NORTH VIET-NAM[4,i]	-	-	-	0.2	0.3	0.8
SOUTH VIET-NAM[4]	0.2	0.1	.9			
LAOS	(Z)	(Z)	.2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
CAMBODIA	0.2	0.1	.5	0.2	0.4	0.8
MALAYSIA[5]	17.1	10.4	54.5	23.5	19.3	59.2
SINGAPORE[5]	1.3	1.7	5.2	-	-	-
INDONESIA	18.8	16.3	60.3	16.6	16.9	56.0
PHILIPPINES	34.6	40.6	136.8	36.7	34.3	118.6
MACAO (MACAU)	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.6
SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN ASIA, N.E.C.	-	-	.1	-	(Z)	(Z)
CHINA[i]	(Z)	-	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
OUTER MONGOLIA[i]	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.2
NORTH KOREA[i]	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6.7	6.0	23.7	3.3	3.0	12.2
HONG KONG	30.9	27.4	114.7	24.9	28.5	96.8
TAIWAN (FORMOSA)	9.3	9.1	33.5	9.5	9.2	26.5
JAPAN	245.4	250.1	886.3	204.9	218.4	686.2
NANSEI AND NANPO ISLANDS, N.E.C.	0.8	0.5	2.4	0.7	0.7	2.5

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Area, continent, and country[1]	1966			1965		
	April	March	Jan.-Apr.	April	March	Jan.-Apr.
AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA	48.6	41.7	171.4	30.7	57.7	130.5
AUSTRALIA	27.2	23.8	108.2	18.8	35.5	87.8
NEW GUINEA	0.1	0.5	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.6
NEW ZEALAND AND WESTERN SAMOA	21.1	16.3	58.9	11.7	21.5	41.2
BRITISH WESTERN PACIFIC ISLANDS	(Z)	0.9	1.2	(Z)	0.4	0.6
FRENCH PACIFIC ISLANDS	0.2	(Z)	.7	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS	(Z)	0.1	1.1	-	0.1	0.2
AFRICA	88.5	119.0	350.6	66.2	89.2	250.1
MOROCCO	1.1	1.3	3.6	0.5	0.7	1.9
ALGERIA	(Z)	0.7	.9	0.6	0.4	1.5
TUNISIA	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
LIBYA	4.8	3.6	14.5	2.7	2.8	7.5
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT)	3.6	1.9	9.2	1.3	5.0	7.8
SUDAN	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.5	1.0	2.0
CANARY ISLANDS	0.3	0.1	.5	0.2	(Z)	0.4
SPANISH AFRICA: N.E.C.	(Z)	-	.2	-	-	-
MAURITANIA	0.3	0.3	.9	0.8	-	1.0
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON	6.1	3.9	14.0	1.2	1.5	5.8
SENEGAL	0.2	(Z)	.3	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
GUINEA	0.7	1.0	3.9	0.1	0.1	0.3
SIERRA LEONE	3.8	3.0	7.1	0.1	0.4	1.0
IVORY COAST	3.5	5.7	18.2	2.1	7.1	17.2
GHANA	3.2	6.2	15.4	1.8	6.2	13.7
GAMBIA[6]	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-
TOGO	0.2	(Z)	.2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
NIGERIA	5.2	4.1	21.2	2.3	2.6	8.8
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	0.7	1.3	4.5	(Z)	1.4	3.1
GABON	0.1	1.2	4.3	0.6	0.2	1.1
WESTERN AFRICA: N.E.C.	1.2	0.5	2.8	(Z)	1.1	3.7
BRITISH WEST AFRICA[6]	(Z)	-	.3	-	(Z)	(Z)
MADEIRA ISLANDS	0.3	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.2	1.0
ANGOLA	4.6	5.4	20.8	2.7	4.6	10.8
WESTERN PORTUGUESE AFRICA: N.E.C.	0.4	0.2	1.6	(Z)	0.2	0.4
LIBERIA	7.7	21.5	45.1	2.8	5.5	14.9
CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)	5.2	3.9	14.4	2.8	1.6	11.0
BURUNDI AND RWANDA	0.1	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.3	0.6
SOMALI REPUBLIC	(Z)	0.3	.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
ETHIOPIA	6.6	10.2	21.7	9.6	11.0	24.6
FRENCH SOMALILAND	(Z)	0.1	.3	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
UGANDA	5.2	5.1	18.4	5.5	4.7	12.4
KENYA	2.3	1.2	5.4	1.5	2.5	5.4
SEYCHELLES AND DEPENDENCIES	(Z)	(Z)	.1	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
TANZANIA	1.1	1.2	3.3	1.6	1.9	4.7
MAURITIUS AND DEPENDENCIES	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.1
MOZAMBIQUE	0.5	0.6	1.7	0.9	0.6	2.2
MALAGASY REPUBLIC	0.3	1.2	6.9	3.0	3.2	9.1
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	17.4	31.3	79.2	19.3	19.5	69.6
ZAMBIA[7]	0.1	(Z)	.3			
RHODESIA (SOUTHERN RHODESIA)[7]	0.9	0.4	3.2	1.1	2.6	5.0
MALAWI[7]	0.3	(Z)	.4			
UNIDENTIFIED COUNTRIES[8]	0.1	1.1	2.1	-	1.4	4.2

- Represents zero.
Z Indicates less than $50,000.
[a-i]Countries included in each area are identified with the same literal footnote as the area.

[1]For definitions of areas and countries as used in this report, see the notice in the "Special Announcements" section of the January 1966 issue of Report FT 420 which lists the major trading areas and the individual countries included in each and the current edition of Schedule C, Classification of County Designations Used in Compiling the U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics.

[2]Effective with the statistics for January 1966, the country designation "Free Territory of Trieste," administered jointly by Italy and Yugoslavia, became obsolete. The information shown for Italy and Yugoslavia for January 1966 and subsequent periods includes data on shipments to portions of the "Terriotry" administered by each.

[3]Country designation "Gaza Strip" established May 1965. Formerly included under the designation "Palestine" which became obsolete May 1965.

[4]Country designations "North Viet-Nam" and "South Viet-Nam" established January 1966. These areas were formerly included under the designation "Viet-Nam."

[5]Country designation "Singapore" established January 1966. Formerly included with other countries under "Malaysia."

[6]Country designation "Gambia" established January 1966. Formerly included with other countries under "British West Africa."

[7]"Zambia," "Rhodesia (Southern Rhodesia)," and "Malawi" shown separately beginning with the statistics for January 1966. Formerly data for these countries were shown under the designation "Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia), Southern Rhodesia, and Malawi."

[8]This is an arbitrary category establishcd to cover data for "low-value" shipments from certain countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries. Further information on "low-value" shipments is contained in the RELIABILITY statement on the front page of this report.

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